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City of Barrie

Final

Parking Ad-hoc Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 14, 2025 | **4:30 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

PARKING AD-HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by the Community Safety Committee on September 24, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Ray Duhamel at 4:32 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 7 - Vice-Chair, R. Thomson
Councillor, C. Riepma
Chair, R. Duhamel
Vice-Chair, J. Northcote
T. Gouldson
J. Koutroubis
J. Sidey

STAFF:
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. McArthur
Executive Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Supervisor of Enforcement Services, B. Keene.

The Parking Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

COMMITTEE MANDATE AND OBJECTIONS DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the draft mandate that was provided to the members at its last meeting in June. They agreed to put a motion regarding the Committee's mandate to be considered by the Community Safety Committee.

The Parking Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

PARKING AD-HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MANDATE

That the following mandate of the Parking Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee be approved:

"The mandate of the Parking Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee is to advise Council on strategies and policies that will develop methods to:

- Reduce parking impacts resulting from new developments, including infill in existing neighbourhood; and
- Reduce parking impacts resulting from basement apartments and accessory units;

while considering the best interests of the Community as a whole.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to Community Safety Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2025-09-24.

The Parking Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

MEMORANDUM FROM B. KEENE, SUPERVISOR OF ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AND T. BANTING, MANAGER OF ENFORCEMENT SERVICES, DATED AUGUST 14, 2025, REGARDING THE 2024 PARKING TICKET SUMMARY PER WARD

Bryan Keene, Supervisor of Enforcement Services, provided an overview of the mega-data gathered by Enforcement Services, detailing the relevant parking tickets issued per Ward in 2024 within the mandate of the Committee.

The Committee discussed the findings and trends found in the summary, specifically the areas of concern that included the highest number of offences for vehicles parked on streets prohibited by signs, overnight parking restrictions during winter months, parked on/over the sidewalk, vehicles parked on the curb of private driveways, parking on boulevards and parking on private property.

The Committee identified other areas of concern, including the lack of available parking in new developments and an increase in the number of cars per unit. They noted that the rise in cars per household has led to overflow parking on streets, vehicles parking on boulevards, sidewalks, and over private driveways.

The Committee discussed city-wide solutions to change resident behaviours associated with the parking issues, including the possibility of restricting parking on streets year-round, increasing parking fines, introducing a time limit for year-round street parking, and implementing a parking pass system.

The Committee discussed other municipalities similar in population to the City of Barrie, and questioned what parking measures these municipalities have in place that deal with the parking issues that the City is experiencing.

City staff noted that costs may be incurred with additional technology and staff to implement the new parking restrictions, for example, increased patrols, issuance of parking tickets, etc. It was also noted that, depending on the parking restrictions, a domino effect could occur, leading to additional issues in other areas, such as vehicles being parked on front yards that the Zoning By-law restricts.

The Committee agreed that whatever solution they recommend, there will be a certain amount of pushback, either from the public or Council, however, something needs to be done to change behaviour and improve parking throughout the City.

The Committee agreed to the following discussion items for future meetings:

- Solutions to change resident behaviours associated with parking challenges;
- Early enforcement, increased parking fines, towing;
- New developments to help address the more specific problems relating to parking;
- At the occupancy of buildings, talks about parking begin, rather than waiting for the assumption of the roads.
- Making sure that the warning clauses are clear as they relate to parking for subdivision agreement or in the site plan agreement regarding purchase and sale agreements; and
- Construction management plans for both site plan and subdivision, making sure there's a clear indication of where trades are parking.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN